### Amendment No. 2 to HB2235

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by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-8303, is further amended by deleting the language "For early graduation and unconditional entry into a public two-year institution or conditional entry into a public four-year institution, a student shall:" and by substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in subsection (i), for early graduation and unconditional entry into a public two-year institution or conditional entry into a public four-year institution, a student shall:

SECTION \_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-8303, is further amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply in any county having a population, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census of:

not less than	nor more than		
14,500	14,600		
18,751	18,800		
27,801	27,900		
61,000	61,100		

For early graduation and unconditional entry into a public two-year institution or conditional entry into a public four-year institution, a student enrolled in an LEA located in such a county shall:

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(1) Achieve a benchmark score as determined by the state board of
education for each subject area in which end-of-course examinations are
administered:

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- (A) English I, II, III, and IV;
- (B) Algebra I and II;
- (C) Geometry;
- (D) United States history;
- (E) Two (2) courses in the same foreign language;
- (F) One (1) course selected from the following:
  - (i) Economics;
  - (ii) Government;
  - (iii) World civilization; or
  - (iv) World geography;
- (G) One (1) course selected from the following:
  - (i) History and appreciation of visual and performing arts;
- (ii) A standards-based arts course, which may include studio art, band, chorus, dance, or other performing arts;
- (H) Health;

or

- (I) Physical Education;
- (J) Biology;
- (K) Chemistry;

- (3) Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4-point scale;
- (4) Score on either the ACT or the SAT at or above benchmarks set by the Tennessee higher education commission for mathematics and English;
- (5) Obtain a qualifying benchmark score as determined by the state board of education on a world language proficiency assessment approved by the board; and
  - (6) Complete at least two (2) courses from the following types of courses:
    - (A) AP;
    - (B) IB;
    - (C) Dual enrollment; or
    - (D) Dual credit.
- (j) A student pursuing early graduation under subsection (i) is exempt from additional graduation requirements established by the state board of education.